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1. The main activity of the militia appears, in June 1952, to be to direct traffic and enforce law and order in the streets of Lepaya by patrolling the streets, singly during the day and in pairs at night. Another activity of the militia appears to be that of escorting trucks which collect money from the shops in the evenings to be taken to the banks. A militiaman is on guard inside each bank in Lepaya, at least during public hours. The militia also guard bridges in Lepaya at night. One militiaman patrols the steel road bridge and another patrols the railroad bridge. The new wooden road bridge does not appear to be guarded, except in spring during the ice break, when one militiaman is on duty. There are usually two railroad militiamen on duty at the railroad station, one at the entrance to the platforms and the other actually on the platforms.
2. The duties of the Frontier Guards are varied. They appear to be divided into two groups, one to man the harbor checkpoint and watchtower, and one to question persons who have been summoned to the Komendatura. When a train arrives at Lepaya, a frontier guard checks the documents of the new arrivals.
3. Internal troops have been observed only on guard duty at the security organs' headquarters, the so-called "White House" on Republikas iela. Prison Guards usually escort prisoners from the prison to the law courts, but this is also frequently done by the militia.
4. Civilian sentries are stationed at factory gates, armed with rifles similar in appearance to a sporting rifle. These sentries are usually old men who can no longer work. Their monthly pay is 300 rubles, but after deductions they receive about 250 rubles.
5. Before State holidays, 7 November and 1 May, public buildings and factories are heavily guarded. These guards are made up largely of Frontier Guards, Marine Frontier Guards, and Internal Troops. Militia are usually on duty around the parade ground. When large-scale arrests are carried out, such as deportations, the arrests are usually made by Frontier Guards and Internal Troops. Militia are hardly ever in evidence at such arrests.

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